

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116–

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OFFERED BY MR. NEGUSE OF COLORADO

Page 1094, after line 24, insert the following:

1 SEC. 9558. GAO STUDY ON TRAIN HORN NOISE.

2 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
4 shall carry out a study, and submit to Congress a report
5 containing such study, on train horn noise, including—

6 (1) what physical, technological, or other
7 changes can be made by localities in order to safely
8 reduce train horn noise;

9 (2) safe, alternative precautionary mechanisms
10 that can be used to qualify for a Quiet Zone in com-
11 munities where creating the infrastructure to qualify
12 for a Quiet Zone may be cost prohibitive or not pos-
13 sible;

14 (3) the conditions under which the Federal
15 Railroad Administration will grant exemptions to the
16 Quiet Zone requirements;

17 (4) recommendations to improve and simplify
18 the Quiet Zone process for municipalities pursuing a
19 Quiet Zone or Partial Quiet Zone;

1 (5) recommendations to the Federal Railroad
2 Administration on how to best meet the needs of
3 communities who are unable to meet Quiet Zone re-
4 quirements but for whom noise is a significant im-
5 pact; and

6 (6) a review of the staffing levels in the Federal
7 Railroad Administration's Office of Railroad Safety,
8 and if the number of staff working on Quiet Zone
9 applications and waiver requests are sufficient to
10 handle the number of applications and requests re-
11 ceived.

